

Walter J. J.

**Lisa Ritchey Craig**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Debtor.

**CASE NUMBER**

18-55697-LRC

IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER  
CHAPTER 7 OF THE  
BANKRUPTCY CODE

The Court cannot sustain the Claim Objections. Chapter 7 debtors lack standing to object to a claim unless the case is a surplus case that will result in distribution under § 726(a)(6), or the underlying debt is nondischargeable. *In re Malsch*, 417 B.R. 458, 461

(Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2009); *see also In re Cannon*, 2017 WL 3491825, at \*1 (Bankr. N.D. Fla. June 5, 2017); *In re Coleman*, 131 B.R. 59, 61 (Bankr. N.D. Tax. 1991) (finding Chapter 7 debtors lacked standing to object to a claim because they had “not shown that there will be a surplus”). Here, the Court has reviewed the claims registry, the Court’s orders denying with prejudice Debtor’s prior objections to claims, and the Trustee’s final report and concludes that there will be no distribution under § 726(a)(6). *See* Chapter 7 Trustee's Final Report, Doc. 332., Docs., 416, 417, 418, 419, and 420. Additionally, none of the debts evidenced by the claims objected to appear to be nondischargeable.

After paying administrative expenses, the Trustee reports that he has \$82,334.55 to pay unsecured claims. *Id.* at 14. Even if the Court excluded the amounts objected to in the Claim Objections, the sum of allowed claims in this case exceeds \$82,443.55. In other words, even if the Court were to sustain the Claim Objections, Debtor would still receive no distribution. Because she could receive no distribution pursuant to § 726(a)(6) even if she prevailed, Debtor lacks standing to object to the claims.

For this reason, the Court finds that the Claim Objections must be, and hereby are, **DENIED** with prejudice.

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